

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Ngoc K. Vu
Hirofumi Sada, et al.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2623
Appln. No.: 09/371,537	)	
	:	Allowed: May 15, 2007
Filed: August 10, 1999	)	
	:	Confirmation No. 9383
For: DATA COMMUNICATION	)	
APPARATUS, DATA COMMUNICATION	:	
SYSTEM, DATA COMMUNICATION	)	
METHOD AND STORAGE MEDIUM	:	July 26, 2007

Mail Stop Issue Fee  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Allowance dated May 15, 2007, in the above-referenced application. The Issue Fee is due on or before August 15, 2007, and is being paid concurrently herewith.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Reasons for Allowance set forth in the May 15, 2007 Notice of Allowability on the grounds that whereas the Reasons refer to features of Claims 22 and 25, (a) Claim 28 recites encoding and decoding --steps-- instead of "units", and (b) Claims 31, 34, and 37 recite a different combination of features with, for example, different encoding, decoding, receiving, and transmitting steps, as recited therein.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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